

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the partial paragraph as begins on page 2, line 17 with the following amended partial paragraph:

At least one attempt has been made to address some of the problems encountered with the controls described above. European Patent Application **0 915 952** 0 915 052 describes a control interface for a stairlift in the form of a disc mounted on the outer end of a chair armrest. The disc has a convex upper surface which is comfortable for reception in the palm of a user's hand, however the lower edge of the disc forms a sharp edge which is so designed as to enable a user to hook the thumb under the control. For persons having limited manual dexterity, this action may prove difficult if not impossible, and it would certainly not be possible to wrap the hand around the control or to operate the control comfortably using the side of the hand. Further, the fixed position of the control on the armrest means that those users with longer